

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Sept. 12, 2017

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the 2017 Citizens' Advisory Committee is to provide facility, equipment and infrastructure recommendations to the Denton ISD Board of Trustees after analyzing a district-wide facilities assessment, enrollment projections, financial data, results of a community survey, and other data relevant in creating and maintaining learning environments that align with the district's mission, vision and goals.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The district maintains and hosts regular meetings with the Bond Progress Committee, whose duty is to review the projects and expenditures of each Capital Improvement Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The district is in the final building stages of the 2007 and 2013 Capital Improvement Plans.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The Committee recognizes that significant recommendations for renovating existing facilities and/or building new facilities will require a source of funding that is only available with a voter-supported bond issue.

- If a bond issue is recommended, it should be fiscally conservative, emphasizing cost effective recommended solutions, and to the extent possible, reflect the support of registered voters as measured by a statistically valid community survey.
- The Committee recognizes that the committee's role is to provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees and that the Board of Trustees has the obligation and responsibility to make decisions regarding tax and bond issues.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The committee will consider the district's current financial position and funding methods to develop a recommendation that is fiscally sound and may make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that addresses the district's growth and facility needs based on the Committee's identified priorities.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The Committee process will be transparent. All presentations, materials and meeting minutes will be posted online for Committee member use and public consumption.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

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OTHER COMMENTS:

District staff members and district consultants will aid the Committee and serve as information providers. The Committee will have access to data and resources provided by the district to develop appropriate facility recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *Approve the committee's intent and charge along with the list of participants and grant staff to add citizens as they accept the invitation.*

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Jamie Wilson, superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

2017-2018 Citizens' Advisory Committee Charge
List of citizens who have accepted as of Sept. 8, 2017